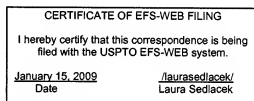


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 16, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this submission.